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1. IN CONVERSATION WITH OLCAY ON SIDELINES OF SC CONSULTATIONS AFTERNOON JULY 26, TURKISH PERM REP EXPRESSED GRAVE CONCERN OVER DEVELOPING SITUATION. HE SAID EVENTS HAD NOW REACHED STAGE AT WHICH (OBVIOUSLY REFERRING TO GENEVA) TURKISH DIPLOMATS COULD NOT BE SEEN GIVING AWAY WHAT TURKISH MILITARY HAD WON. IF THIS IDEA GOT ABOUT IN TURKEY, HE COMMENTED, THERE COULD BE EXTREMELY SERIOUS DEVELOPMENTS INTERNALLY.

2. OLCAY SAID BRITISH HAD TALKED TO HIM AND SAID TURKISH POSITION WOULD BE HELPED BY INDICATING WHAT ITS OBJECTIVE WAS IN CYPRUS. ALTHOUGH HE STRESSED AGAIN HIS STRONG FEELINGS ABOUT THE BRITISH (OLCAY REMARKED, WHEN TURKS SAY GO HOME AMERICANS, IT IS A SURFACE THING; THEIR FEELINGS ABOUT THE BRITISH, HOWEVER, GO BACK CENTURIES AND HAVE DEEP HISTORICAL ROOTS), HE SAID HE AGREED WITH UK POSITION ON THIS. HE ASSUMED WE ALSO WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHAT TURKISH OBJECTIVE WAS ON CYPRUS. I SAID IT WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR US TO KNOW HOW FAR TURKEY MEANT TO GO. HE AND US MISSION HAD WORKED CLOSELY TOGETHER IN RECENT DAYS WITH MUTUAL UNDER-
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STANDING AND I WAS SORRY TO SEE THE GOOD POSITION TURKEY HAD HAD

IN EARLY DAYS OF CYPRUS CRISIS NOW BEING LOST THROUGH CONTINUED TURKISH MILITARY ACTION LONG AFTER TURKISH GOVT HAD ACCEPTED CEASEFIRE. OLCAY SAID HE WANTED TO MAKE A SUGGESTION: US SHOULD PRESS ANKARA HARD FOR A DEFINITION OF THEIR OBJECTIVES, PARTICULARLY HOW FAR THEY MEANT TO CONTINUE THEIR MILITARY ADVANCE. HE REITERATED LATER IN CONVERSATION HIS URGENT HOPE THAT WE WOULD PRESS ANKARA ON THIS, AS HE THOUGHT IT WOULD HELP TOWARD RESOLUTION OF CRISIS.

3. AT ONE POINT, OLCAY SAID IT WAS REGRETABLE IN OVERALL TERMS THAT GREEKS HAD BECOME GOOD GREEKS "TWO DAYS TOO SOON." HE THOUGH ALSO CLERIDES AND GREEKS ARE MAKING A MISTAKE IN REJECTING OUT-OF-HAND THE TURKISH CALL FOR FEDERAL SOLUTION IN CYPRUS. HE EXPRESSED VIEW SITUATION HAD CHANGED IRREVOCABLY IN CYPRUS. GREEKS AND GREEK CYPRIOTS WERE ACTING AS THOUGH NOTHING HAD CHANGED. BY REFUSING TO ADMIT EXISTENCE OF NEW SITUATION IN CYPRUS AND REJECTING TURKISH CALL FOR MODERATE SOLUTION SUCH AS FEDERAL ARRANGEMENT, GREEKS WERE PLAYING INTO HANDS OF TURKISH EXTREMISTS. WHO WOULD DEMAND MUCH MORE.
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